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SUBJECT: AZORES BASE TALKS: STATE OF PLAY

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1. GOP INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION ON BASE TALKS MET IN LISBON APRIL 5 AND 6, WITH TALKS STILL CONTINUING. CHARIMAN VILLAS-BOAS TELEPHONED DCM APRIL 6 TO SAY THAT MEETINGS WERE GOING WELL AND WERE VERY INTENSIVE. VILLAS-BAOS INDICATED THAT OUR NON-PAPER OF OCTOBER 1977 WAS UNDER CLOSE REVIEW, ESPECIALLY BY AZOREANS.

2. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION APRIL 6 JOSE MONJARDINO (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AZOREAN PLANNING AGENCY AND BROTHER OF AZOREAN ASSEMBLY LEADER ALVARO) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION TO OUR AID REPRESENTATIVE AT THE COURSE OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION'S MEETINGS ON OUR PROPOSAL. LISBON'S DIARIO DE NOTICIAIS (\$,) OF APRIL 7 CARRIES ARTICLE QUOTING ALVARO MONJARDINO TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL NON-MILITARY AID WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO PORTUGAL VIA THE LAJES AGREEMENT WILL BE UTILIZED IN THE AZORES. MONJARDINO
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STATED THAT LAJES' QUID WILL TAKE FORM OF "FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION IN THE ARCHIPELAGO OF A DEVELOPMENT BANK, CONSTRUCTION OF PORTS, AGRICULTURAL AND AGROINDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY." ARTICLE IN DN WAS PICKED UP FROM THE "JOURNAL OF FALL RIVER" WHERE MONJARDINO'S COMMENTS ORIGINALLY APPEARED.

3. POLCOUNS APRIL 6 DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENTIAL
DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR LUIS MARTINS DESIRABILIT OF
CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS IN TIME FOR PRESIDENT EANES
TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN
WASHINGTON. MARTINS, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, LIKED THE
IDEA AND SAID HE WOULD BE BACK TO US ON IT AFTER HE HAD
THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY IT OUT ON THE PRESIDENT.
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